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Office of General Counsel

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Settlement of ARMBRIST/2's Estate

ECOA-15745, 29 September 1961

1. We are returning by separate cover attachment the various documents forwarded by the reference for execution by the Washington attorney. He has been given copies of these papers and will be prepared at any time to refer to us queries or correspondence he receives.

2. Several gratuitous comments may be in order. Paragraph 2 of the reference states that the account is to be maintained in U. S. dollars. It is stated that "Pay-outs will be made for the most part in German marks and therefore keeping the account in dollars will save the charges for a second conversion." You may recall that on the / account the bank had to be specifically instructed to convert the transfers from dollars to Swiss francs. I would think that in this case they would effect the conversion, if requested, and inasmuch as all prospective payments are to be made in a foreign currency it appears worthwhile to instruct the bank to convert at this time. If at any time in the next eight years there is a re-evaluation of the dollar-Swiss franc conversion it will probably be in terms of devaluing the dollar rather than the converse. Moreover, to my knowledge there is no conversion charges per se but only a rate of conversion at any given time. "Charges" do not come in question.

3. I have misgivings, notwithstanding that we have a Power of Attorney executed in blank, about the last sentence which / has inserted in section 3 of the "Special Instructions" to the bank. Timely notice of his death might mean everything in such a case and as the years move on we can encounter situations where we might not receive timely notice. Moreover, I do not think that this is the normal arrangement in the event of an attorney's demise. It is my understanding that the affairs of a German attorney, as they relate to matters underway for clients, are not taken over by "heirs" or "legal representatives," but by another member of the Bar who is, I believe, approved by the court for this purpose. If this is correct, the inclusion of this sentence by / is unusual. I would in any case like to see the sentence deleted. If you agree, I assume it can be done by typing through the sentence. I trust that the U. S. attorney's initials on the strike-out will not be necessary.

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4. Re the matter of [ ]'s fee referred to in paragraph 4 of the reference, I fully concur that he should be disabused of his idea of what his services are worth in this matter. If the subject has not already been received, I am more than willing that you use me as the scapegoat by advising him that I consider his proposal outlandish and would not approve it. He should be reminded that this goose may return with more golden eggs.

SIGNED

Attachments: n/a/c

- a. Sample signature card
- b. Application for identification of account by number only
- c. General conditions governing accounts at this bank
- d. Power of attorney
- e. Application for the opening of the account

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The following addendum has been coordinated with [ ] It is requested that the detailed biographic information which was previously requested in WFOH 2389, Paragraph 2, dated 21 July 1961, be obtained prior to the final settlement of this matter. We leave to your discretion the most appropriate manner for handling this request.